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SUBJECT: OPEC FINANCE AND OIL MINISTERS MEETINGS

REF: VIENNA 0184

1. OPEC INFORMATION OFFICER INFORMED EMBOFF TODAY THAT IT IS QUOTE 70 OR 80 PERCENT SURE UNQUOTE THAT FINANCE MINISTERS' MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PARIS SINCE MANY OF THE MINISTERS WOULD BE THERE ATTENDING A MONETARY COMMISSION MEETING OF AN INTERNATIONAL NATURE (OPEC OFFICER WAS UNABLE OFFHAND TO IDENTIFY MORE PRECISELY THE ORGANIZATION HOLDING SUCH MEETING).

2. SOURCE SAID THAT INTERRUPTED OIL MINISTERS MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN ABUDHABI. "NOBODY HAS SAID NO, BUT WE DON'T HAVE CONFIRMATION OF ALL THE MINISTERS," HE SAID. HE WAS AWARE OF REPORTS FROM ABU DHABI THAT NINE OR TEN MINISTERS HAD APPROVED PROPOSAL TO MEET THERE FEBRUARY 1 BUT ADDED THAT THE OPEC SECRETARIAT HAS SO FAR HEARD FROM ONLY FIVE OR SIX MINISTERS. HE INDICATED THAT, AS PRACTICAL MATTER, OPEC WANTS UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO INSURE ATTENDANCE OF ALL MINISTERS.

3. SOURCE WAS EMPHATIC THAT NEITHER FINANCE NOR OIL MINISTERS WOULD HOLD NEXT MEETING IN VIENNA.BUCHANAN

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